GRADUATE
EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026



Graduate Experiential Learning Showcase

Tuesday, November 10, 2026
3:30-6:00pm, Student Union Theater

Introductions

3:30 pm – Event Begins & Introductions (5 mins)
- Introduction from Dr. Anne Price, Executive Director of the Mary Virginia Terry Center for Experiential Learning
- Greeting from Dr. Becky da Cruz, Associate Provost for Graduate Studies

Presentation Round 1 (3:35 - 4:20 PM)

1. Jessica Tipton — Curriculum and Instruction | Faculty Sponsor: Daesang Kim

Closing the Source-Credibility Gap: A Lateral Reading Intervention for Incoming Ninth Graders

2. Veronica Morales — World Languages (Spanish) | Faculty Sponsor: Victoria Russell

Lessons Learned from Observing Spanish Classes in Cádiz, Spain

3. Melanie Alfaro-Salazar — Biology | Faculty Sponsor: Erin Grabarcyzk

My, my, MyChart, What Do You Do? Making Healthcare Accessible One Brochure at a Time

4. Vic Birkey — Leadership | Faculty Sponsor: James Martínez

Who Becomes Visible as Gifted? Examining Equity in State Identification Policy

5. Yoselyn Molina Melendez — Marriage and Family Therapy | Faculty Sponsor: Jessica Millican

What Can You Do in One Hour of Therapy? Single Session Therapy Skill Building

6. Marti Miller-Lee — Library and Information Science | Faculty Sponsor: Debi Carruth; Supervisor: Muriel McDowell Jackson

Preserving Marginalized Histories: Recovering Middle Georgia's Black History Using Interdisciplinary Primary Sources

Q&A Break

4:05 pm – Q&A (15 mins)

Presentation Round 2 (4:20 - 5:05 pm)

7. Addeline Wright — Communication Sciences and Disorders | Faculty Sponsor: Katherine Walden

Finding Your Niche: Clinical Experience with Underrepresented Populations in Speech-Language Pathology

8. Benjamin Whitlock — Leadership | Faculty Sponsor: John Lairsey & Felicia Sauls

Bridging Theory and Practice: Evaluating Emergency Aid Through a Doctoral Dissertation

9. Czariah Grier — Curriculum and Instruction

Tailoring Teachers Toolkits: AI Chatbots in the K-12 Setting

10. Shelby Whittet — Library and Information Science| Faculty Sponsor: Debra Carruth

Transferring LibGuide Design and Usability Principles to WordPress: Offering Research Teams a Sustainable Solution

11. Ara Tasnia Proma — Biology | Faculty Sponsor: Theodore Uyeno

Hands-On Histology: Preparing and Reading Tissue of Octopus

12. Abigail Thomason — Library and Information Science

Gentleman: Please advise the President that the word NUCLEAR is pronounced NEW-KLEY-ARE not NEW-KYOU-LAR

Q&A Break

4:50 pm – Q&A (15 mins)

Presentation Round 3 (5:05 - 5:50 pm)

13. Alizeta Guira — Marriage and Family Therapy | *Faculty Sponsor: Jessica Millican*

Finding Someone to Lean on Through Bereavement Camp

14. Bridget Rogers — Curriculum and Instruction | Faculty Sponsor: Daesang Kim

Paraprofessional Training Targeting Aided-Language Input for Augmentative and Alternative Communication Generalization

15. Charlie Beebout — Biology | Faculty Sponsor: Emily Cantonwine

Freaky Fungal Differences Are Messing With My Nuts!

16. Elena Carne Lorenz — World Languages (Spanish) | Faculty Sponsor: Victoria Russell

From Cádiz, Spain to My Classroom: A New Perspective on Teaching Spanish

17. Peyton Murphy — Social Work | Faculty Sponsor: Hanae Kanno

From Adversity to Intervention: Addressing ACEs and Mental Health Needs in Rural Schools Through Evidence-Based Social Work

18. Elaina Johnson — Curriculum and Instruction | Faculty Sponsor: James Martinez

Addressing Disparities in STEM Fields Through High School Seniors' Mathematics Backgrounds and Self-Efficacy

Q&A Break

5:35 pm – Q&A (15 mins)

Closing Events

5:50 pm – Wrap-Up

6:00 pm – Keynote Speaker Begins

7:00 pm – Award Ceremony, Certificate of Recognition, & Photo with Dr. Becky da Cruz & Blaze